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REFERENCE: NPL Listing of Anaconda Mine Site

Yerington, NV – Today the Environmental Protection Agency issued a press release explaining that they are moving forward with the process to list a portion of the Old Anaconda Mine Site on the National Priorities List (NPL).

Lyon County has been opposed to the listing since 2001. Lyon County has worked closely with the Governor's Office, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and the EPA to ensure that the process to list and receive funding is enhanced so that cleanup of the site can be addressed.

Lyon County Manager Jeff Page said the change in stance is due to the fact that the project is a near shovel ready project. Unlike many other sites in the nation the majority of the required testing and research has been completed by NDEP and EPA. Lyon County supports a quick and effective cleanup operation and anticipates a strong working relationship with EPA, NDEP, BLM, Yerington Paiute Tribe and local businesses and citizens.

The EPA press release did not come as a surprise as Lyon County has been in discussion with the various agencies and stakeholders for several months. Lyon County has been assured there is no immediate health risk to the community and realizes that this the most efficient manner to ensure the site is cleaned.

Lyon County is cautiously optimistic that this listing will bring closure to this chapter of history.